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SHOULD HOLD YOUR COTTON

SECRETARY OF SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION SO SAYS.

The Cotton Growers Are Slowly but Surely Winning Greatest Commercial Battle in History of the World—Wants 15 Cents.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Southern Cotton association, has issued an open letter to the cotton growers of the South, in which he urges them to hold for 15-cent cotton. He says in part:

"The cotton growers of the south, through and with the assistance of their organization, the Southern Cotton association, are slowly but surely winning the greatest commercial battle ever known to the world.

"Sept. 7, the association advised the farmers to ask 11 cents for their cotton as conditions fully warranted that price. Many fixed that price and sold for it.

Now, Dec. 1, the fact that the crop is very short has been established beyond the shadow of a doubt and only a small payment of that left is unsold, also that the markets are bare of dry goods, with future prices formally advanced, cotton mills loaded down with contracts and orders for goods for several months ahead and only with about one-half enough cotton in sight to fill them. Will they pay 15 cents for cotton? Why, of course they will, if you ask it. If you do not they will take it at 5 cents, as they have done in the past.

"Decide for yourselves—let them have it at its actual value, 15 cents, or let them take it at their price, 5 cents—it is yours, do as you please, but remember that if you sell for less than its value, 15 cents, you are not only injuring yourself, but every other owner of cotton is being denied his price while you are giving yours away, which prevents the advance as long as they can get it at less than its value.

"Hundreds of thousands of bales are being pledged to the Southern Cotton association for 15 cents, enough to force the price to its value very soon unless buyers can continue to get yours, that is not pledged at their price; in this event the price cannot reach its value until yours has been taken out of the way and at their price—then the loyal ones will again reap the benefit of their association's hard work in their behalf.

EXCLUSION ACT TO STAND.

Congress Will Not Open Our Gates to Chinese Laborers.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Congress will not enact any legislation modifying the Chinese exclusion act. As a result, the boycott of American goods will be reimposed shortly, and there will be greater development of the anti-foreign feeling throughout China.

This prediction as to the attitude of congress was made today by leaders of both the house and senate. The policy of the Chinese people is based entirely upon this attitude. In edicts issued by the Chinese emperor, the people are urged to refrain from boycotting American goods pending action of congress. The viceroys of various provinces proclaimed that President Roosevelt had given assurances that congress would pass remedial measures and that the Chinese should continue to purchase American goods as heretofore until the upturn of the legislative branch of the American government developed.

It is understood the Chinese legation here has been making inquiries as to the prospect of action by congress and is satisfied there is no chance whatever of the enactment of satisfactory legislation.

A deadlock has occurred in the treaty negotiations between Minister Rockhill and Na Tung of the Chinese foreign office as a result of the refusal of the former to allow the admission of Chinese laborers into the American possessions in the Pacific. In exchange for this privilege, Na Tung was willing to define the classes of Chinese which should be granted entrance into the United States, thus authorizing this government to exclude every one who failed to come directly under those classes.

With congress unyielding and treaty negotiations impossible of successful conduct, the president is confronted by the probability of a serious blow to American commerce in the Orient. During the last year increase of export was chiefly to China, Japan and four other countries, amounting in the case of the first named empire to 41 million dollars. Of this sum 23½ million dollars was in cotton cloth, 10 millions in copper and 3¼ millions in mineral oils.

ENROLLED AS CHOCTAWS.

Interior Department Decision Reverses That of Citizenship Court.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—(Ardmoreite Special.)—The interior department in handing down a decision in the Lula West and Mary Elizabeth Martin, citizenship cases, today held that the former was entitled to enrollment, and the latter enrollment as a fullblood Choctaw, instead of freedmen. The decisions in these cases have been watched with interest because they were overruled by the citizenship court.

THE NEW ELECTRIC LINE.

Cars Will be Running Between Davis and Sulphur in Sixty Days.

Davis, I. T., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Rumors have been flying thick and fast here for the past few days which indicated the sale of the new line of road now being constructed between here and Sulphur, nine miles east of us, had been sold to the Frisco system. The general attorney, Judge Hutchins, of Purcell, informs your correspondent that all such rumors are absolutely without foundation. On the contrary, he says they have sold their bonds and will file a mortgage for \$2,875,000 in Oklahoma City during the next few days, and that the line will be built and operated as an electric line. He says cars will be running between Davis and Sulphur within sixty days, and that steam power will be used during the period of construction. Electric power stations will be installed, with a central power station at Purcell. The judge says such reports are evidently given out with a view to injuring their enterprise, or else the reporters have been misinformed.

MUST MAKE GOOD BONDS

MARSHAL BENNETT OF WESTERN DISTRICT ISSUES ORDER.

Bondsmen Must Qualify Before Marshal or Deputies, Instead of Notaries Public—Will Likely Apply to Other Districts.

A special from Muskogee says: Marshal Leo E. Bennett has issued an order to all the deputy marshals in the district that in the future all bondsmen in criminal cases must qualify before the marshal or his deputy. In the past bondsmen have been making property qualifications before notaries public. District Attorney Mellette had his attention called to the invalidity of this in an unusual manner recently.

Pete Scott, J. W. Thornbury, and T. T. Owen of Eufaula went before a notary public and made qualification that they were worth a \$2,000 bond. It later developed that they did not own the property for which they had qualified and they were arrested on a charge of perjury. When their cases came up they demurred on the grounds that the notary public who took their acknowledgment had no authority to do so and therefore they could not be guilty of perjury. The court sustained the point and the district attorney admitted it was the law. Then followed the order issued by Marshal Bennett.

The same law applies to the other three judicial districts of the territory where the same practice has been in effect and it is likely that the same order will be issued in each of these districts. It is possible that there will be a great many bonds forfeited in cases where the bondsmen became liable when they learn that these property qualifications made before a notary public are void and that the bond will not hold.

The First National Bank of Cornish is to be succeeded by the Bank of Cornish.

BURGLARIES AT MADILL.

Seven Houses Are Entered Within a Week—Valuables Stolen.

In less than one week there were seven houses entered and robbed of various articles including \$200 in cash at one house. These burglaries were supposedly done by one negro, who has not yet been apprehended.

The Harkey, Vandervort and Pace houses, all of Madill, were broken into and numerous articles stolen. Two miles west of town, Jim Linn's and Wince Gales' residences were burglarized and several articles are missing. The burglar also visited Ruben Powell's residence at Oakland. A party who lives near Grantham came to town Monday and reported that a house at that place had been burglarized of \$200. The best evidence that can be obtained is that all the depredations were committed, as above stated, by one negro.

The Caleb Powers Case.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The question of jurisdiction in the case of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Gobet of Kentucky in 1900, was today presented to the supreme court of the United States in the form of a motion for leave to file a petition for a writ of mandamus, commanding United States Judge Cochran of the Eastern district of Kentucky to remand the case to the state courts and restore Powers to the custody of the sheriff of Scott county, where Powers' fourth trial was about to be held when Judge Cochran's court took jurisdiction in the case.

The motion was presented on behalf of the state by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., formerly United States solicitor general. Attorney General Hays of Kentucky was present, as were Richard Yates of Illinois and Attorneys C. Sims and H. Clay Howard. Yates presented a petition for the appeal of the case. Both parties asked to hear their motions on January 15, but the court refused to fix a day.

Bartlesville has secured a \$30,000 window glass factory, which will give employment to 160 men.

DIFFERS FROM MCQUIRE BILL

THE HAMILTON BILL WANTS FIVE REPRESENTATIVES.

Two Judicial Districts—Oklahoma Gets 55 and Indian Territory 54 Members of Constitutional Convention—Prohibition.

A Resume of the Bill.

The following are some of the important provisions of the statehood bill introduced by Congressman Hamilton in the house and Senator Beveridge in the senate:

The bill is an omnibus measure providing for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as the state of Oklahoma and New Mexico and Arizona as the state of Arizona. There shall be 109 members of the constitutional convention, fifty-five from Oklahoma and fifty-four from Indian Territory.

The judges of the United States court shall apportion the fifty-four districts in the Indian Territory. The governor of Oklahoma, the secretary and the chief justice shall apportion the fifty-five districts in Oklahoma.

The governor of Oklahoma and the senior Indian Territory judge shall issue the call for the constitutional convention within six months after the passage of the statehood bill, and at least sixty days prior to the election.

The election in Oklahoma shall be conducted under the laws of the territory and in the Indian Territory, the United States judges shall constitute the election and canvassing boards.

The constitutional convention must meet in Guthrie on the fifth Tuesday after the election.

Guthrie is to remain the capital until 1915 when the permanent capital may be located by the electors of the state at an election called by the legislature.

There is no express provision for the maintenance of separate schools as in the McGuire bill.

The returns of the election for the ratification of the constitution by the people shall be made to the secretary of Oklahoma, who with the chief justice and the senior Indian Territory judge shall canvass them. The result shall then be certified by the governor of Oklahoma and the senior Indian Territory judge to the president together with a copy of the constitution and if all shall be found to be in good form in twenty days the president shall issue the proclamation that shall complete the admission of Oklahoma into the union.

\$100,000 is appropriated for the expense of the election and convention. Only five representatives in congress are provided for with the following congressional districts: First district, Grant, Kay, Garfield, Noble, Pawnee, Kingfisher, Logan, Payne, Lincoln, and the Kaw and Osage reservations; second district, Oklahoma, Canadian, Blaine, Caddo, Custer, Dewey, Day, Woods, Woodward and Beaver; third district, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole nations and Indian reservations lying northeast of Cherokee nation fourth district, Choctaw nation and larger portion of Chickasaw nation; fifth district, Greer, Rogers, Mills, Kiowa, Washita, Comanche, Cheyenne and Pottawatomie counties in Oklahoma and the western portion of the Chickasaw nation.

In lieu of school lands in Indian Territory, only \$5,000,000 is appropriated instead of the \$10,000,000 in the McGuire bill for the school fund.

In the event of the sale of the school lands preference right is given to the lessees. Additional land grants are made as follows: University 250,000 acres; Agricultural and Mechanical College 250,000 acres; University Preparatory school 100,000 acres; Colored Agricultural and Normal University 100,000 acres; Normal Schools 300,000 acres.

Two judicial districts are provided for, the Territory of Oklahoma constituting the western district of Oklahoma, and the Indian Territory constituting the eastern district. The two districts shall be attached to the eighth judicial district circuit.

The clerk of the western district shall keep his office at Guthrie, but court shall also be held at Oklahoma City and Enid. The clerk of the eastern district shall have his office at Muskogee, but terms of court shall also be held at Vinita, South McAlester and Ardmore.

The constitutional convention may make a separate county of the Osage nation, or attach it to contiguous counties.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Mother and Five Children Killed in Tenement House Fire.

New York, Dec. 11.—A mother and her five children were burned to death in a fire in a five-story apartment house at Columbus avenue and One Hundredth street tonight. Two others were injured and a score or more tenants were thrown into a panic, some of them cut off from escape and several rescued by policemen, firemen and ambulance surgeons.

The dead include Mrs. John Thompson, the mother, her 3-year-old twins and three other children, ranging from 7 months to 9 years of age. Mrs. Thompson lost her life in an endeavor to save her children.

DISCUSSED NO POLITICS

APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA HAS A WORD.

Says in Washington the Outlook for Statehood Looked Very Bright to Him and Omnibus Bill Will Make Statehood Earlier.

The Guthrie State Capital says: Captain Frank Frantz, the newly appointed governor of Oklahoma, was in the city last night on his way to Pawhuska. He arrived in Enid yesterday morning from Washington and met his family, who will accompany him to the Osage agency.

In regard to his visit in Washington, Mr. Frantz said:

"I was in Washington on business with the department of the interior to discuss matters of the agency at Pawhuska especially the townsite matter, and there was no political significance. I was not there to discuss appointments and have made no decisions in regard to them. In fact, I do not know what appointments I have to make or what the salaries connected with them are. No decisions concerning offices will be made before the holidays. My brother Orville will be my secretary, if he wants the place, and I believe that he does."

When told of the rumors that W. H. Mitchell of this city was to be the next adjutant general, the governor said: "I do not know the grounds for such rumors. What I said about other appointments applies to this one. Mitchell is a fine fellow and I know him well but I have made no promises in the matter to any one."

On the statehood outlook Mr. Frantz expressed the opinion that the omnibus bill would be the bill which would pass and that it would become a law before the first of the year. He believes that the omnibus bill will help to get statehood the sooner as the sentiment as he found it among the congressmen, was to get the territorial question off their hands in order to expedite other legislation of more national importance. He found that the legislators were not greatly considering the fact as to whether Oklahoma needed or deserved statehood but that they wished to settle the matter as quickly as possible. While the senators are divided on the Arizona-New Mexico clauses they will vote for the bill as presented by the committee in order to have done with the subject. The outlook for the early passage of the bill looked very bright.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT HAS FOUR CORNERED FIGHT ON HAND.

Which May Result in the Reappointment or Retaining of the Present Incumbent—Humphrey's Star Is in Ascendancy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—(Ardmoreite Special.)—The four cornered fight for United States Attorney honors in the Southern district, Indian Territory, between Allen, of Muskogee, Morris of Ryan, Humphreys, assistant United States attorney, and Carr of Pank Valley has taken on such a phase that the reappointment of Johnson is likely to follow. Morris, it is said has little experience as a lawyer and has never tried a case in the United States court in the Southern district. Both Humphreys and Morris have telegraphed National Committeeman Soper, who is in Washington, claiming the support of the Republican clubs of the territory and the endorsement of the Central Republican committee.

It is said here tonight that charges reflecting on the official integrity of Humphreys which are expected to arrive shortly will upon investigation by the department of justice rebound in Humphreys favor.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—2:38 p. m.—(Ardmoreite Special.)—It is reported here that United States Attorney Johnson of the Southern district, Indian Territory has resigned. His resignation changes the entire aspect of things and the department of justice officials now look for the appointment of Humphrey to succeed to the vacancy.

WANTED IN OKLAHOMA.

Man Arrested in Hillsboro Taken Away by Oklahoma Sheriff.

Hillsboro, Tex., Dec. 11.—A man named M. O. McFarland was arrested here one day last week on a misdemeanor charge and it was afterward ascertained that he was wanted in Tecumseh on a charge of having shot into a Wells-Fargo express car. The sheriff of Pottawatomie county, Ok., arrived tonight with a requisition from Governor Lanham and took the prisoner away.

The prisoner today sued out a writ of habeas corpus, which was heard by Judge Wear, who refused to order the release of the prisoner. Sheriff Grace of Tecumseh left tonight with the prisoner.

Accused of Momicide Charge.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 11.—William Nations, harged with the homicide of Ben Myers at Fort Towson, I. T., last Christmas eve, was acquitted in the federal court at Antlers Saturday.

THE SWAN MURDER TRIAL.

John Patterson Colored, on Trial for Killing Chas. Swan, Also Colored.

The case of John Patterson, colored, is on trial in the United States commissioner's court today. He is charged with the murder of a colored man named Chas. Swan which took place near Berwyn on December 4th. Previous to the trouble which had been brewing for some time the men worked together on the farm of Mrs. Swan, mother of the deceased.

It seems according to the statement of Commissioner Robnett that the men had trouble about the division of the crop in which both were interested. Before the killing, he said, Patterson applied to him for a peace warrant for Swan. Commissioner Robnett informed him that in order to issue the bond he would have to give a surety bond. Patterson never pressed the matter. Everything went smoothing until Dec. 4th, when the trouble was renewed which resulted in the killing of Swan.

There are several witnesses in the trial and the case will probably occupy the entire day.

TRAGEDY IN SHERMAN, TEXAS

TRAVELING MAN KILLED IN ALTERCATION WITH NEGRO.

Binkley Hotel Scene of Tragedy. There Were no Witnesses to the Killing—Claims He Struck Man in Self Defense.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 11.—The Binkley Hotel in this city was the scene of a tragedy Saturday night, the victim being J. W. Maddux, a traveling man, of Durant, I. T.

The inquest held yesterday developed that about midnight Maddux with three companions, a man and two women, came to the hotel and were assigned rooms; that Maddux became involved in a difficulty with the negro porter, Charlie Brotherton. A scuffle followed and a short time later Maddux died from what the hastily summoned physicians pronounced a broken neck.

The negro left the hotel and was not taken into custody until after daylight Sunday morning. He seemed greatly frightened and claimed he had no idea of killing the man; that when Maddux followed him out of the room and finally assaulted him, he shoved him away and he fell to the floor. This statement being true the neck must have been broken in the fall. There seems to have been no eyewitnesses to the altercation, those with Maddux stating that they saw nothing that happened after he followed the negro out into the hall.

The dead man was 23 years of age and was traveling for a Kansas City firm. His people reside in Durant, I. T., and the remains were claimed by relatives after the inquest yesterday and were shipped to Durant for burial.

Maddux was a member of the Denison Council, United Commercial Travelers, and a delegation of members accompanied the body to Durant. He was quite well known in both Denison and Sherman, having lived here at one time for several months.

The negro is in jail on a complaint charging him with murder and the two women are being held on vagrancy charges.

MERIWETHER IS SENTENCED

CONFINED FOR ONE YEAR TO LIMITS OF NAVAL ACADEMY.

And be Publicly Reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy For Participating in a Flat Fight His Opponent Died.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Midshipman Meriwether was today sentenced to confinement to the limits of the Naval academy for a period of one year, and to be publicly reprimanded by the secretary of the Navy. This is the result of the recent court martial, growing out of the flat fight from the effects of which Midshipman Branch died.

Meriwether was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter and found guilty of two other charges, namely: Violation of an article which prohibits midshipmen from engaging in fist fights.

City Election on at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 12.—An unprecedented effort to bring out the "stay at home" vote was the predominating feature of the city election today, after one of the most interesting contests in the history of Boston. One of the two republican candidates at the primaries, former Judge Henry S. Dewey is running as independent. Louis A. Frothingham is the regular republican nominee, and former congressman John F. Fitzgerald is the democratic nominee.

More Conservative Feeling.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—Caution having prevailed over the fury aroused by the arrest of the strike leaders, the Workmen's Council has rejected the propositions to order a general strike at present as untimely. The council has decided that workmen should bide their time patiently, until all preparations are completed.

ARE BOOMING THE NEW STATE

OUR DELEGATES TO WASHINGTON HEWING TO THE LINE.

Introduce a Powerful Factor in the Person of Little Miss Renstron, Their Mascot, Who Sings Oklahoma—Great Promises.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The statehood boomers from Oklahoma and Indian Territory marched up to the capitol this morning and made calls that were both formal and informal upon Senator Bailey and Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee on territories, Speaker Cannon and Representatives Hamilton and Williams. They went to the committee rooms of the various gentlemen, except as to Senator Bailey, who was caught just outside the lobby of the senate. To every one of these gentlemen the statehood boomers spoke their appreciation of what they had done in the past in behalf of statehood, and they expressed an earnest hope that they would continue to show them favor. They got the assurance from every one, though Mr. Williams qualified what he promised with the remark that he was opposed to the plan of using the Indian Territory and Oklahoma proposition to force joint statehood on New Mexico and Arizona.

Senator Beveridge spoke to them in a most felicitous way and told them that they could be no doubt as to the passage of the omnibus bill at this session of congress.

At every stopping place some one of the delegation made a speech, and these were good speeches. But apparently far more effective than any of the speeches was a lyric argument which Miss Helen Renstron sang in advocacy of statehood. Miss Renstron is 14 years of age, an orphan, and the mascot of the delegation. The song which she sings, entitled "Oklahoma," tells of the wonders of her country and its right to statehood. Senator Beveridge declared it was the most eloquent argument he had yet heard on that subject, and Speaker Cannon, after hearing it, pointed in the direction of the senate and declared: "If you'll just get her to sing that argument to those old fellows over there, there won't be any need of having a single speech made."

Thursday the delegation will go to the White House by appointment, if the weather will permit it will be a kind of mass meeting in the open air, which will be addressed by the president.

Meantime the delegates are putting in their time making single-handed arguments with such congressmen as they run across. In addition to arguing for statehood they are—or most of them are—telling congressmen that they ought to be permitted to enter the union with no more restrictions than are put on other territories. This is meant as a protest against the proposition to make prohibition a condition of statehood.

A poll is being taken of the house to determine whether the statehood bill for Oklahoma and Indian Territory alone could be passed. If the result should show that it can, and this will probably be the result, an effort may be made to sever the two propositions. It is believed that this can be done in the house, but whether the senate will be like minded is the question.

There can be no doubt that the Indian Territory-Oklahoma proposition is hobbled by the New Mexico-Arizona proposition, and this is especially true now that the opposition to joint statehood seems to be more determined in Arizona than it ever was before.

MIDSHIPMAN MERIWETHER.

May be Reinstated by Special Act of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 11.—If Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., is dismissed from the navy as a result of his court-martial on the charges growing out of his fist fight with Midshipman Branch early in November and from the effects of which Branch died, he will, it is said, be reappointed by one of the members from Louisiana and a special bill presented which if passed will reinstate the midshipman as an officer of the navy.

It has become known that Meriwether was acquitted on the charge of manslaughter but was found guilty of infringements of the rules and regulations of the naval academy which are of sufficient seriousness to warrant his dismissal.

Cigarettes Caused His Death.

Darrow, O. T., Dec. 11.—Winnie Howe, 22 years old, living near here, died yesterday of nicotine poisoning, caused by excessive use of cigarettes. He has been critically ill since last March and seemed to be beyond medical aid.

Drank Wood Alcohol and Died.

Pawhuska, O. T., Dec. 11.—Mont Dale, a harness maker here, formerly of Cedarvale, Kas., died yesterday from wood alcohol poisoning. He was married on Thanksgiving, and his wife, who has been living at Cedarvale, has been notified of his death. Officials of the Indian agency are making great efforts to find out where the poison was purchased.

Burglar operated successfully at Holdenville last week.